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TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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1. At 3 p.m. on 19 June 1951, about 19 or 20 jet fighters, four single-engine aircraft, and one biplane were parked at Brandenburg-Briest airfield. The jet planes were arranged in three groups. One group of four jet aircraft was parked between the runway and the northern edge of the field, and had three-digit numbers of the 600 series and blue stripes on their rudder assemblies. Another group of about 11 or 12 jet fighters was parked on the east end of the runway. The third group, consisting of four jet fighters which had yellow stripes on their rudder assemblies, was parked in about the middle of the field. (1) About 4:30 p.m., bus                      occupied by 25X1B about 30 officers, left the field toward the Landesanstalt. Truck                      moved toward the airfield.  
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2. The radio installation with four masts previously seen was still located in the western extension of the runway. (2) A searchlight was seen directly south of the radio installation. A braced radio mast, a wooden hut, and a brick building were situated in the eastern extension of the runway. (3) A flare path of five red lamps led from this installation to the runway. An earth bunker was seen in about the middle of the flare path. An AA gun emplacement was located along the restricted field path leading from Briest via the airfield toward the Landesanstalt, about 300 meters southeast of Briest. Three guns of about 85 to 100 mm with barrels about 3 meters long and muzzle brakes, were located there. The crews were quartered in two nearby brick buildings. A brick building with earthwork around was seen on the eastern edge of the field, north of the flare path. An AA gun emplacement was apparently under preparation there.
3. On 26 June, a radio installation consisting of a mast about 10 meters high and a small wooden hut about 2x3 meters was seen about 150 to 200 meters west of the Brandenburg-Marzahn (N 53/2 2h) road, about 100 meters north of a small factory which was about 600 meters north of triangulation point No 31. (4) The mast was braced with several guy wires at three points. It could not be determined whether the mast was on top of the hut or at its side. The purpose of the two small piles of earth at the side of the radio installation also could not be determined. A local resident said that the installation was occupied by four air force soldiers.
4. On 26 June, jet fighters which were stationed at the field practiced flying in formations of up to six planes. There were showers and wind squalls which reached a speed of up to about 60 km/h. The cloud base was about 600 to 800 meters. Some of the planes climbed through the clouds and also came down through them in formation.

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When the ceiling broke it was seen that the planes flew beside each other at a distance of one and a half wing span and behind each other at a distance of about half the length of a plane. The distance was about twice as large when the planes had to fly through the cloud ceiling.

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Comments.

- (1) The airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s. The

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All the aircraft previously observed had blue or black stripes on their rudder assemblies. Aircraft with yellow stripes have been seen only in Grossenhain. Therefore, it is believed possible that the aircraft with yellow stripes belong to a fighter regiment stationed in Grossenhain.

- (2) Adecock DF station.  
(3) Inner landing beacon.  
(4) Probably the outer landing beacon.

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